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Passenger and freight services by Chinese shipping companies have been irregular since the war's end because of government and military use of all available resources. A beginning has been made by the China Merchants Steamship Navigation Company toward regularizing services for civilian passengers and freight. As of 1 December 1946 the company has assigned a number of its ships for regular passenger and freight service along the China coast. These ships are not to be used for military or government purposes. The schedules have not yet been fixed, but the ships have been assigned as follows:

- to the North Sea Line, covering Shanghai, Tientsin, Tsingtao, Yingkou, and Lien Yun Kan.
- to the South Sea Line, covering Shanghai, Swatow, Arroy, Kidran (Formesa), Canton, Hongkong, Luzon.
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